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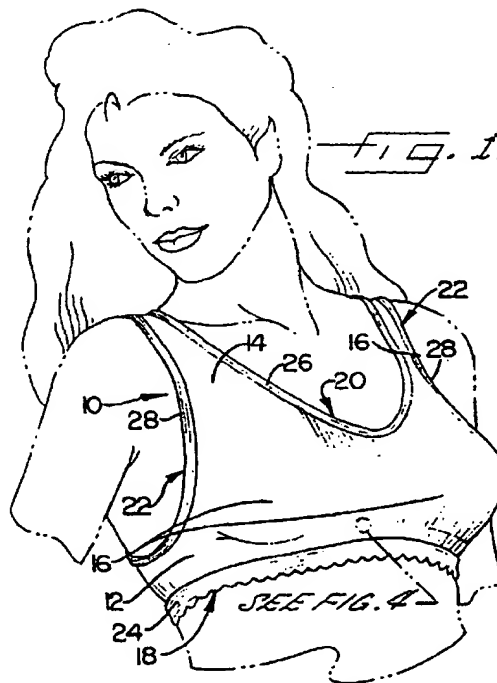
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**(54) Seamless circular knit brassiere and method of making same**

(57) A seamless brassiere, and methods and blank for making the brassiere are described. In particular, a tubular blank is circularly knit, and first and second wale-wise extending longitudinal openings are formed along opposite sides of the blank, to form torso and neck openings for the brassiere. The blank ends are trimmed, if desired, to form the desired contour for the arm openings, then banding (24,26,28) is applied to each of the torso, neck and arm openings, to thereby form a finished brassiere. At least the banding (24) secured to the torso opening is elastic, in order that the garment may be secured closely about a wearer. In the finished seamless brassiere, the courses extend vertically, while the knit wales extend horizontally when the brassiere is worn, which provides an enhanced level of support for the wearer's breasts.



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